

## Study With Rabbi

### Introduction to Talmud, Part 1

Thursday evenings December 3, 10, 17  
@ 7-8:30pm

For those who are ready for the real deal!

You will encounter one of the most foundational but difficult texts of Judaism, with an eye to building the skills necessary to decode it and understand its unique reasoning methods.

### Introduction to Talmud, Part 2

Thursday evenings March 11, 18, 25  
@ 7-8:30 pm

In this class you will focus on a primary encounter with the Talmud text itself, beginning with Masechet Brachot



Please register online:  
Members free  
Non-members \$54 for the series

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All programs are open to members of Temple Beth Shalom and Congregation Emanu-El. Not a member? Please call our office. We would love for you to join us.



## Lifelong Learning

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## Great Jewish Thinkers,

### Great Jewish Ideas

Monthly series on Sunday mornings from  
11am-12:30pm.

Taught by Rabbi Malino

We will study the intellectual contributions of individuals whose thought created a series of spiritual revolutions through the ages.

December 6 - Maimonides

January 10 - Moshe Cordovero

February 7 - Moses Mendelssohn

March 14 - Rav Joseph Soloveitchik

April 18 - Judith Plaskow

May 16 Erev Shavuot - Neil Gillman and Jay Michaelson



## Special Programs

Our Guest Speaker Series will be on Sunday mornings  
from 10:30 – noon.

December 20, 2020 -

**Rachelle Grossman**

**The Unlikely Story of Yiddish in Mexico**

Rachelle grew up in Spokane and was very active in the TBS community. She is currently completing a doctorate in comparative literature through Harvard University. Her dissertation looks at the ways that Yiddish changed after the Holocaust, a surprising story that she has uncovered in archives in Mexico, Argentina, and Poland.

January 24, 2021

**Dr. Rachel Bender Ignacio**

**COVID-19: An update.**

Rachel Bender Ignacio is an infectious disease physician and epidemiologist at the University of Washington, where she is the Acting Director of the UW AIDS Clinical Trials Unit. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, she has taken on significant local and national leadership on COVID-19 treatment research. She serves as the Medical Director of the COVID-19 Clinical Research Center at the Fred Hutch.

January 31

**Dr. Daniel Matt**

**Ayin: The Theme of "Nothingness" in Jewish Mysticism**

Dr. Matt is one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah and the Zohar. He has published over a dozen books, including *The Essential Kabbalah*, *Zohar: Annotated and Explained*, and *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality*. Recently Dr. Matt completed an 18-year project of translating and annotating the Zohar. For this work, Daniel has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The Koret award called his translation "a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought." For twenty years, Daniel served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and has taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## Special Programs—cont.

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February 27 2021, Purim (Saturday @ 6:30 pm)

**Joel Chasnoff, Comedian and Writer**

**Jokes on Us**

Join us when stand-up comedian and writer Joel Chasnoff "performs" his popular online show "Jokes on Us". Joel has taken the stage in 10 countries, including Montreal's Just-For-Laugh's, the Melbourne (Australia) Comedy Festival, and Israeli late-night TV. In this performance, Joel takes a deep dive into the quirks and absurdities of his Jewish life, from his great-grandparents' botched immigration at Ellis Island to his stint in the Israeli Army, and the challenges of raising a Jewish family of his own.

April 11 2021, Yom Ha'azmaut -

**Yossi Klein Halevi**

**What I Learned About the Conflict from Writing "Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors"**

Yossi Klein Halevi is a writer who holds many awards, is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, and a Non-Resident Fellow of the TRENDS think tank in Abu Dhabi. He is frequently quoted on Israeli, Middle Eastern and Jewish affairs in leading media around the world, and is one of the best-known lecturers on Israeli issues in the American Jewish community and on North American campuses. Born in Brooklyn, he received his BA in Jewish studies from Brooklyn College, and his MS in journalism from Northwestern University. He moved to Israel in 1982 and lives in Jerusalem with wife, Sarah, they have three children.

